

MHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

May 7, 2012

Mission Area Police Station

Minutes taken by: Doug Stolhand (Secretary)

President – Brad Klimovitch

Vice-President/Treasurer – Fred Ginsburg

Secretary – Doug Stolhand

Senior Outreach Chair – Joyce Sipes

Board Member – David Guzman

Board Member - Randy Kuluva

Board Member - Clint Scott

Board Member - John Samuelson

Board Member - Jerrilyn Hayashi

Student Representative - Tuesday Sipes

- Meeting called to order at 6:41pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance by John Samuelsson
- Roll call: Brad Klimovitch, Doug Stolhand, Randy Kuluva, Joyce Sipes, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Clint Scott, John Samuelsson and Tuesday Sipes are all present. Excused absence is Fred Ginsburg. Unexcused is David Guzman.
- Minutes from previous meeting – motion to approve by Brad, Joyce seconds and minutes are approved.
- Senior Lead Officer Phil Ruiz presents crime report for April 1st – 28th. Year-to-date we are up 8.2% in crime and up 20% in arrests.
 - o Stakeholders ask about how to get officers to patrol certain intersections and Officer Ruiz tells them to call him at his office and he'll report it to the traffic departments.

- Joyce Sipes asks about starting a Neighborhood Block watch and asks if Officer Ruiz would be available to come and speak. He says yes and that he tries to get out to those on a quarterly basis.
 - Officer Ruiz promotes the gun buyback on May 12th where the police will buy back your guns in exchange for gift cards.
- Brad promotes the signs we have available for Neighborhood Watch and 'Watch for Children'. Signs are free to all stakeholders.
- Brad reminds people that elections are coming up in August and encourages all that are interested in joining us on the Neighborhood Council.
- Guest Speaker: Stephen Box from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Discusses the upcoming neighborhood council elections and how people can get involved in not only neighborhood councils but also leadership academies.
- Brad reads a letter from Fred Ginsburg announcing his resignation as Vice President of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. He will still remain as Treasurer.
- Joyce Sipes gives Senior Outreach Committee report and announces a Meet & Greet on Thursday, May 24th at the Valley Inn & Conference Center. Joyce offers flyers for anyone that would be interested in attending. Admission is free.
- Joyce also announces that on Saturday, June 16th Alice Salvo will be speaking at the Northridge Hospital discussing wills & trusts, power of attorney and estate plans. It will be free to attend.
- Joyce announces that Councilman Richard Alarcon is hosting a Senior Health lunch on Thursday, May 17th but warns seniors that it could be a scam and to be careful if they do attend.
- Jerrilyn Hayashi asks Joyce Sipes what is coming out of the Senior Outreach Committee. Joyce says that because seniors are not able to drive, or not drive at night, she does most of her contact with seniors over the phone and does not have meetings. She will be having one meeting coming up but they are rare because of the complexities of gathering seniors at a time that is convenient for all.
- Clint Scott gives an update on the Primestor development of Mission Hills Plaza on Sepulveda. Says that what used to be Empire Hardware will become Anna's Linens. After that stores south of Ralph's will be demolished to provide Ralph's with more potential room for them to expand, but that is admitted speculation from Clint.
- Debbie Dalton speaks on behalf of Betty Ley about National Night Out. Asks Brad if the \$750 donation from MHNC was already approved – Brad says \$500 was approved. Asks that Betty be allowed to pay the money for the rentals herself and then be reimbursed but Joyce clarifies that was because DONE froze our funds last year without notice.
- Brad announces that Fire Station 75 is having an open house on Saturday, May 12th.

- Old business: Brad motions to consider a competitive bidding process for a webmaster/website services. Clint Scott asks about an e-mail from Fred Ginsburg – reads e-mail to stakeholders. E-mail essentially questions the motion and asks for an amendment to the motion that will force the new bidder to provide a quote that is all inclusive for one-year of services. Jerrilyn Hayashi asks if a competitive bidder has approached Brad and he says that someone has discussed this with him. Joyce says that in the past the board has gone through “IT hell” in the past getting people to provide the board with a reliable website and e-mail blasts. No second on the motion.
- Brad withdraws the first motion. Motion does not carry.
- Brad amends the motion to adopt Fred’s outline. Jerrilyn Hayashi says that has to be on the agenda in order to be considered. Brad tables the motion.
- Brad makes a motion to appoint Randy Kuluva as the Vice President. Jerrilyn Hayashi says that we should table this for a month in order to give people a chance to come forward if they are interested in being considered for the position. Randy asks for the motion to be opened to all members that might be interested. Doug Stolhand seconds the motion. Vote for approval is six for, none against and two abstained (RK and JH). Motion passes. Randy Kuluva is the new Vice President.
- Motion to approve the \$1,000 to fund the MHNC Senior Outreach Even on May 24th but Brad says that money has already been allocated in the budget. Jerrilyn Hayashi says that according to the budget it’s not specific for the amount and use of the money. Joyce says that Jerrilyn is correct and motion is reintroduced. Brad makes the motion – John Samuelsson seconds it. Vote is made...five vote in favor, one vote no (JH) and one abstains (RK). Motion passes.
- Motion to support The Transit Coalitions campaign to replace two position bike racks with three-position bike racks which would increase capacity by 50%. Reads letter by Bart Reed of The Transit Coalition. Brad makes the motion, Randy seconds it. Vote is made – six in favor, one abstains (JH).
- Motion to approve \$500 to support National Night Out. Original budget calls for \$250. Brad makes the motion, Doug Stolhand seconds. Vote to approve is unanimous. Motion passes.
- Motion to approve \$2,000 for Kitty Bungalow Charm School for Wayward Cats. Lisa Cahan Davis gives a presentation about Kitty Bungalow Charm School for Wayward Cats, what they are and what they do. They are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Brad makes the motion – no second on the motion. Motion does not carry.
- Motion to encumber \$4,000.00 to be used on the 2012 Neighborhood Council Election Outreach. Brad makes the motion – Jerrilyn Hayashi seconds it. Vote is unanimous and motion passes.

- Monica Harmon gives a presentation on bullying. Shows power point presentation and short video about the problem.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm